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ORGANIZED CRIME AND DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE INDICTMENTS RETURNED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY

Two separate OCDETF operations result in the indictment of six defendants

Shreveport, Louisiana . . . A federal grand jury returned multiple indictments today in cases brought by the Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF), a joint federal and state effort to dismantle major drug trafficking organizations, United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced. “The OCDETF program is the nation's flagship effort to combat illegal drug trafficking, focusing on major suppliers that cross state and national borders, and succeeds due to the cooperative effort of federal, state and local law enforcement agents,” U.S. Attorney Washington said.

Today's indictments resulted from two separate OCDETF investigations:

Operation: Toledo Tackle: **LELAND LEMOND CALHOUN**, age 31, **DANNY RAY LYNCH**, age 39, and **ROBERT MONTGOMERY**, age 31, all of Zwolle, Louisiana, were indicted on multiple counts of drug trafficking and firearms violations as a result of a 16 month investigation by federal and state authorities in Sabine Parish. All three defendants are charged with conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine, powder cocaine, and methamphetamine beginning in 2002 and continuing until this month. **Calhoun** is

charged with five additional counts of distributing controlled substances; **Lynch** is named in four such additional counts; **Montgomery** is charged in three such additional counts. **Calhoun** is charged with one count possession of a 9 mm firearm in connection with a drug trafficking crime. Finally, the indictment seeks the federal forfeiture of all proceeds of the crimes and property used to facilitate them, including six motor vehicles, a home located at 2185 Sabine Street in Zwolle, and approximately \$14,000 in cash that was seized at the time of arrest.

If convicted on the conspiracy count, all three defendants face a maximum of life in prison, including a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years, a \$250,000, or both. Calhoun faces an additional 5 years in prison on the gun charge, consecutive to any other sentence. All three defendants were arrested on July 24, 2007 and have been ordered held without bail pending trial.

Operation: Gangsta Smash: **PATRICK JONES, JR.**, age 28, of Bossier City, **RONALD FORD**, age 42, and **JERRY BROWN**, age 27, both of Shreveport, were indicted for conspiracy to distribute marijuana from 2006 through July 2007 on Darien Street in the Queensborough neighborhood in Shreveport. **Jones** and **Ford** were charged with six additional counts of possession of marijuana with intent to distribute; Brown was charged with one such additional count. The indictment also seeks the federal forfeiture the proceeds of the crimes and the property used to facilitate the crimes, including four motor vehicles and over \$9,000 in seized U.S. currency.

If convicted, each defendant faces a maximum penalty of five years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both.

All indictments are merely accusations and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty. Defendants are entitled to a presumption of innocence under the law, and the government has the burden of proving every element of the charges beyond a reasonable doubt.

Operation: Toledo Tackle was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, along with the Sabine Parish Sheriff's Office. Operation: Gangsta Smash was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force, which includes the Shreveport Police Department, Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office and Louisiana State Police Narcotics Task Force.

The cases are being prosecuted by Deputy Criminal Chief Alexander Van Hook and Lead OCDETF Attorney James G. Cowles, Jr.

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